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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: UNIFIL MOVEMENT IN THE CHRISTIAN ENCLAVES

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1. DURING THE AUGUST 30 CONVERSATION WITH BEGIN, WEIZMAN AND DAYAN, WHICH MOSTLY DEALT WITH THE SITUATION AROUND BEIRUT AND NORTH LEBANON (SEPTTEL), I RAISED THE SUBJECT OF INCREASING UNIFIL'S FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IN THE CHRISTIAN ENCLAVES IN SOUTH LEBANON. WHEN I HAD GONE OVER THE POINTS IN PARA 6 OF REF A, WEIZMAN SAID THERE WAS OBVIOUSLY SOME MISUNDERSTANDING. THE GOI IS PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH UNIFIL IN EXPANDING ITS ROLE IN THE SOUTH, WEIZMAN SAID, AND GENERAL EITAN WILL MEET WITH GENERAL ERSKINE ON FRIDAY TO WORK OUT DETAILS. WEIZMAN STATED THAT HE WILL CABLE URQUHART TODAY OF GOI AGREEMENT FOR UNIFIL TO STATION LIAISON OFFICERS IN MARJUYUN AND BINT JUBYAL. HE ADDED THAT SEVERAL NEW UNIFIL OUTPOSTS OF FIVE OR SIX SOLDIERS
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EACH WILL BE AUTHORIZED BETWEEN THESE POINTS ON A NORTH/
SOUTH AXIS.

2. WEIZMAN MENTIONED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN INVOLVED MUCH WITH SOUTH LEBANON LATELY BUT WOULD BECOME SO BETWEEN NOW AND HIS DEPARTURE FOR CAMP DAVID. CHIEF OF STAFF EITAN WAS WAITING OUTSIDE THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AT 10:30

A.M. WHEN I LEFT. A FEW MINUTES LATER I LEARNED FROM
CONSUL GENERAL NEWLIN THAT UN REP AIMEE HAD BEEN ASKED BY
WEIZMAN TO MEET AT 12:00 NOON TODAY.

3. COMMENT. IT WOULD SEEM THAT ALL OF THESE EVENTS ARE
RELATED AND THE GOI IS PREPARED TO DO SOMETHING TO IMPROVE
ITS IMAGE WITH URQUHART. I WILL FOLLOW UP WITH WEIZMAN
SHORTLY TO ASSURE THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE PROBLEMS
OF MOVEMENT ARE SEPARATE FROM THE EXPANSION OF UNIFIL OUT-
POSTS AND THAT THE FORMER IS ALSO BEING ADDRESSED. HART

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